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SAFED MUSLI
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any 'Patent' specially for safed musli which is in great demand in international and domestic markets' .M.N.C.'s etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith steps the Government has taken to protect this rare herb; and

(c) if not, the reasons in details for not 'patenting' the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI E. V. K. S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) to (c): No patent as such on the herb, "safed musli" has been granted by the Indian Patent Office. As per the provisions of the Patents Act, 1970, patenting of herbs is not permitted.